THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) There was some lag in fulfilment of two benchmarks. First, modalities to divert additional forest land for R&R are not yet worked out. Secondly the formula to share the cost between the party States for R&R of the project is being worked out through inter state discussions.

(b) Inspite of substantially fulfilling the performance benchmarks within 5 months, it was observed that attempts were made to complicate both in India and outside. Attempts the controversy over the Sardar Sarovar Project and to politicise the issues were also made to cause local disturbances which interfered with implementation of the resettlement and rehabilitation work. In order to avoid further vitiation of the atmosphere, the Government of India decided to disengage from the World Bank and not to seek any further disbursement out of the outstanding portion of the credit|loan for this project.

(c) The Government of India and the State Governments of the party States are committed to mobilise necessary funds through appropriate options for completion of the project on schedule. The Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority recently decided to place necessary funds with the project authorities for compensating the deficit due to disengagement with the World Bank.

Schemes financed by National Backward classes finance and Development Corporation

647. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Schemes that are financed or assisted by the National Backward Classes and Finance Development Corporation;

(b) the amount disbursed during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of amount of assistance and number of cases assisted in Orissa by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and the detailed criteria laid down for the same?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) was incorporated on 13th January, 1992. During its initial year of operation (1992-93), NBCFDC introduced two types of schemes viz. Term Loan and Margin Money Assistance.

The Terms Loan/Margin Money are granted and disbursed to State-level Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporations or any other agency nominate by the State Governments who, in turn, sanction and disburse individual loans to members or group of members belonging to the Backward Classes, as notified. Details of the Schemes financed by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation are as under:

	1992-93
I. Eligibility :	Members belonging to list of Backward Class as notified by the State Govt. and whose present family income is below the poverty line.
II. Project Cost :	Generally upto Rs. one lakh; in exceptional cases, this requirement could be relaxed.

III. Types of projects :

A. Agriculture and Allied :

(i) Agriculture production and related fields such as animal breeding, poultry farming, bee keeping etc.

(ii) Purchase of equipment for agriculture services, such as, custom service (pesticide spray, harvesting etc.) custom hiring of agriculture machinery, artiefiial insemination etc.

(iii) Agriculture marketing through cooperative societies/associations of farmers belonging to backward classes. Setting up grading and packing houses, purchase of transport vehicles for marketing of agrcultural products etc.

(iv) Commission agents at agriculture markets.

B. Artisan and Traditional Occupations :

These include barbers, washermen, tailors, weavers, carpentry, pottery, black-smithy malis in urban areas etc.

C. Technical Trades/Self Employment :

These include technical trades at village/taluka level such as electrician, plumber, sheet metal, TV/radio repair, motor machanic, tyre puncture repair, refrigeration mechanic etc.

D. Small Business :

These include small business/tea shops/general provision shop/text book shop, magazine shop, Newspaper, vendor, photocopies service, type-writing and word processing service etc.

E. Small scale and tiny industry :

F. Transport Service :

These include plying of auto-reickshaws, cycle-rickshaws, tempos, bullock and other animal driven carts for hire etc., cycle hiring service.

IV. Term Loan :	1992-93	1993-94
(1) Amount of loan	70% of the project cost or Rs. 50,000/- whichever is less. The balance amount is required to be contributed by the beneffciary and/or State Corporations in agreed proportion. Normally the State Corporation is rexpected to contribute between 20% to 25% and the beneficiary 10%to 5%.	85 % of the project cost or Rs. 85,000/- whichever is less. The balance amount is required to be contributed by the beneficiary and/or State Corporations in agreed proportion. Normally, the State Corporation is expected to contribute between 5% to 10% and the beneffciary 10% 5%. When the State Corporations do not have enough funds, the State Corporation's contribution can be dispensed with, and the beneficiary will be required to contribute the balance 15%.
(2) Rate of interest :	(a) on loan from NBCFDC; 4.5% p.a. with a rebate of 0.5% for prompt repayment payable quarterly/half-yearly/ yearly.	(a) on loans from NBCFDC to State Corporations : (i) for beneficiaries below the poverty line; 4.5% p.a. with a rebate of 0.5% for prompt repayment payable quarterly/half yearly/yearly;

	(b) on loan from State Corporations to beneffciary: not exceeding 2% p.a. payable month'y/quarterly/half yearly/yearly.	(ii) for beneficiaries above the poverty line: 7.5% p. a with 0.5% rebate to prompt repayment payable quarterly half yearly/yearly.
(3) Repayment Period :	Generally upto 5 years and in certain projects with longer gestation period, repayment could be extended upto 10 years (including moratorium period).	
V. Margin Money :		
(1 Amount of loan :	25% of the project cost or Rs. 10,000/- whichever is less. The balance amount is required to be contributed predominantly by commercial banks besides the State besides te State Corporations and the bene ciary.	25% of the project cost or Rs. 25,000/- whichever is less. The balance amount is required to be contributed predominantly by commercial banks (not less than 50%) besides the State Corporation and the beneficiary. Wherever the State Corporations do not have enough funds, the State Corporation's contribution can be relaxed or waived.
Rate of interest :	(a) On loan from NBCFDC State Corporations : 1% p.a. payable Qrly/half yearly/yearly	On loan from NBCFDC State Corporations : 1% p.a. payable quarterly/half yearly/yealy
	(b) On loan from State Corporation to beneficiary : not exceeding 2% p.a. payable monthly/quarterly/half-yearly/ yearly.	On loan from State Corporation to beneficiary : not exceeding 2% per annum payable monthly/quarterly/ half-yearly/yearly
(3) Re payment period :	Generally upto 5 years and in certain projects with longer gestation period, repayment could be extended upto 10 years (including moratorium period).	
VI. Equity participation *for joint sector* :	1992-93	1993-94
	(subject to the Govt. of India approving the scheme for extending this assistance to the members of backward classes without any income limit of the beneficiary)	(i) amount of equity participation not exceeding Rs. 10 lacs per project ; (ii) maximum equity participation in all units in a year Rs. 1 crore.

Employment of members of Backward Class:

Maximum number of employees belongings to backward classes should be employed in the units and in any case not less than 50 per cent of the employees should belong to members of backward classes.

VII. **Skill Development:**

Training programmes for officers of State Backward Classes Development Corporations and other channelising agencies implementing the schemes of NBCFDC:

Grants to State Backward Classes Development Corporations and other State Agencies and Voluntary Organisations for carrying out training programmes of the following types subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 50 lakhs during the current year 1993-94:

(i) Improving skills in traditional trades such as weaving etc.

(ii) Project linked training to beneficiaries who are selected for grant of loans.

Amount of grant of 100 per cent of the cost of training incurred by State Backward Classes Development Corporations or any other State Government Agency, for training programmes which are linked to the implementation of the loan projects.

90 per cent of the cost of the training expenses incurred by the State Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporations or other State Agencies, in respect of other training programmes.

Note: Capital expenditure incurred such as cost of land and building will not be considered for grant.

(b) Statement showing terms loans/margin money loan sanctioned and disbursed by NBCFDC during the last two years:

Year	Name of the States	Amount sanctioned	Amount disbursed
1991-92	Nil	Nil	Nil*
1992-93	Andhra Pradesh	547.24	
	Assam	90.6548	20.0564
	Bihar	680.2865	223.950
	Goa	0.50	
	Gujarat	243.60	
	Haryana	139.6825	30.5625
	Himachal Pradesh	63.39	
	Karnataka	458.25	1.1475
	Madhya Pradesh	146.38	74.1125
	Maharashtra	415.15	1.0380
	Punjab	173.338	43.6625
	Uttar Pradesh	322.43	88.1010
		3440.4818	699.0440

*The Corporation was incorporated on 13-01-1992.

(c) As already stated, loans are granted only to State Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporations or any other agency nominated by the concerned State Government. Further, the loans are meant for disbursement to members of Backward Classes notified by the respective State Governments. It is learnt that the Government of Orissa have not yet notified the list of Backward Classes within the State of Orissa, nor have they nominated any Government agency for receipt and disbursement of loans. Hence, no proposals have been received from Orissa nor any amount sanctioned to them.

Criteria for sanction of Loan :

1. Scheme should be for income generation and not merely infrastructure development.

2. Scheme should be technically feasible and financially viable.

3. Beneficiary should belong to socially and educationally backward classes as notified by State Govt. or to be notified by Central Govt. from time to time.

4. Beneficiary's family income should be below double the poverty line, i.e. below Rs. 22,000.

5. Loan amount asked for should be within the limit prescribed by the NBCFDC.

जातियों/क्षेत्रों को जनजातियों/जनजातीय क्षेत्रों के रूप में घोषित किया जाना

648. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न राज्यों से कुछ जातियों/क्षेत्रों को जनजातियों/जनजातीय क्षेत्रों के रूप में घोषित करते हेतु प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे प्रस्ताव किन-किन तारीखों को प्राप्त हुए तथा उनका अन्य ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) आज की तारीख तक प्रत्येक प्रस्ताव पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूचियों म व्यापक संशोधन करन के संदर्भ में ऐसे सभी प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

Minorities Commission without a Chairman

649. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minorities Commission has been without a Chairman for quite sometime now;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to rules no meeting of the Commission can be held without the Chairman;

(c) if so, whether the working of the Commission has come to a standstill; and

(d) the steps being taken to fill up the post of Chairman to make the Commission more effective and functional?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Decisions on important issues required formal meetings of the Commission. However, cases requiring immediate attention are considered in the informal meetings of the Members of the Commission. The Commission has not come to a standstill.

(d) The matter regarding constitution of the National Commission for Minorities by appointment of Chairperson and Members of the Commission as per the National Commission for Minorities Act 1992 is under consideration of the Government.